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MR. SPEAKER :—" I now understand the position. I think on last Saturday the hon. Member asked for a half-hour debate. At that time, the hon. Member had not spoken on the Governor's Address. Therefore, he had an opportunity to ventilate his grievances on the floor of the House when he spoke on the Governor's Address. To-day I am going to allow only Leaders of Parties to speak on the Governor's Address and I am not going to allow others to speak. As there is no time for other Members to take part in the debate to-day, I am allowing the half-hour debate. I never discriminate. In all these matters before the hon. Member puts such a question to the Chair, let the hon. Member realise what he is speaking about."

Extension of the supply of electricity from Parli to Shoranur, South Malabar.

* 70 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state how far the work of extension of electricity from Parli to Shoranur, South Malabar, has progressed?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" In December 1952 a scheme for extension of supply of electricity from Parli village (which gets supply from the Pykara Electricity System), to Shoranur via Lakkidi and Vaniankulam village in Malabar district was sanctioned. In November 1953 a revised scheme was sanctioned for extension of power to the above villages from Shoranur with the power proposed to be obtained from the Travancore-Cochin State, as it was found that the revised scheme would be better. The question of concluding a power agreement in this regard with the Travancore-Cochin Government is under active consideration and as soon as the agreement is concluded, the extension scheme will be taken up for execution."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are we to understand, Sir, that the scheme which was sanctioned in 1953 could not be executed until an agreement was concluded with the Travancore-Cochin State? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The matter is under the active consideration of the Government. As soon as agreement is concluded with the Travancore-Cochin State, the scheme will be taken up for execution. In fact, the Government have already made a provision of Rs. 3,82,000 in the Budget. The scheme is expected to fetch a return of 4 per cent. That is why we are trying to get power from the Travancore-Cochin State."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I request the Hon. Minister to hasten the negotiations with that Government so that the supply of electricity to these villages may be made as early as possible? The Tranvancore-Cochin State has laid wires right up to the banks of the Bharatam and it is easy to extend supply to Malabar."

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir. The Chief Engineer has forwarded to the Government for transmission to the Travancore-Cochin Government a draft agreement in regard to the bulk supply of 500 K.W. of energy to Shoranur and the draft is being examined by the Government."

11-40 a.m. SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister said that the question of supply of power from the Travancore-Cochin State was under the 'active consideration' of the Government. May I know for how long has it been actively engaging the attention of the Government and for how much longer will it so continue? Has the Hon. Minister any reasonable expectation of securing it this year or at least the next day? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The scheme is before us and it is being forwarded to the Chief Engineer. It will be examined in the Secretariat and then it will go to the other Government. We have already provided the necessary funds in the current year's budget."

Construction of a building for the District Munsif's Court at Hosdrug, South Kanara.

* 71 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for the construction of a building for the District Munsif's Court at Hosdrug in South Kanara district;

(b) if so, whether any site has been selected for the same;

(c) the rent paid for the building in which the Court is at present located; and

(d) the rent paid for the previous building before the Court was shifted to the present one?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) Does not arise.

" (c) The rent paid for the building in which the Court is at present located is Rs. 150 per mensem.

" (d) The rent that was paid before the Court was shifted to the present building was Rs. 45 for the Principal District Munsif's Court and Rs. 35 for the Additional District Munsif's Court."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the Court is a permanent one, is it not desirable to have a permanent building of the Government for housing the Court, instead of having a rented building? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Court has not yet been made permanent, Sir."